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ENTRANCE EXAMINATION FOR PH. D AND M. PHIL
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to hold entrance examination for Ph.D and M. Phil admissions in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the reasons for discontinuing the existing system for both these programmes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): As a part of academic reforms, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has advised all the Universities that admission to the M.Phil and Ph.D programmes should be made based on combined merit of entrance examination and interviews conducted by the respective universities. The reasons according to the UGC are that informal methods currently used in some universities for admission to Ph.D. need to be discontinued, the admission methods to these higher level research courses should be made formal and transparent and that there is a need to introduce course work in Ph.D rather than making it only dissertation/thesis based.